

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J
1201 TEXAS AVENUE
VERNONIA OR 97064

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2014

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Administrative School District 47J, Columbia County, Oregon was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Board Present:** Bill Langmaid, Greg Kintz, Brett Costley, and Jim Krahn,
Board Absent: Tim Bamburg, Ernie Smith, and Cari Levenseller.
- Staff Present:** Aaron Miller, Superintendent; Nate Underwood, Middle/High School Principal; Dawn Plews, Business Manager; Barb Carr, Administrative Assistant; and Juliet Safier, Licensed Staff.
- Visitors Present:** Alexis Baska, Summer Snow, Maria Lemay, Susan Ely, Scott Laird
- 1.1** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 1.2** Agenda Review: No changes.
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
- 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 3.1** Minutes of 10/09/14 Regular Meeting and the 10/30/14 Workshop
- Jim Krahn moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Greg Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with those in attendance.
- 4.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION**
- 4.1 Student Reports:** Alexis Baska and Summer Snow, VHS Leadership students, updated the board on the following:
- Recently attended the Oregon Assoc. of Student Councils (OASC) annual convention in Seaside. Our Leadership students presented a workshop at the conference on Homecoming Week.
 - Blood Drive is coming up on the 19th. Appointments are preferred. Contact Ms. Willard or any leadership student to make an appointment.
 - VHS hosted the 1st round of the Volleyball state playoffs. Donations were gathered from around town to offer as door prizes and increase student attendance
 - Leadership will be selling roasted chestnuts during the Spirit of Vernonia holiday event.
 - Alexis and Summer spoke at last month's City Council meeting. They will attend the next one as well. Council was very appreciative of their attendance.
- 4.2 Building Reports:** Mr. Underwood had nothing new to add to his written report. He did highlight the upcoming Spring Site Accreditation visit. The last visit was in 2009. Staff, community and students will have some level of input. A survey will be available on line soon and Mr. Underwood encouraged as many folks as possible to participate. They asked for surveys to be completed prior to Feb. 14th.
- Mr. Miller shared that Open House numbers were down slightly this year and final conference numbers are not yet available. It is looking as though there was between 80-90% participation at conferences at the elementary level.
- 4.3 Financial Report:** The financial report was reviewed by the board. There was a question from the board on the fee amounts. According to Dawn Plews this is anticipated based on previous year's building use. Also included in fee revenue is the student fees collected at the building related to district costs – locker maintenance fees, etc.
- 4.4 Maintenance Report:** There was no maintenance report submitted for this month.
- 4.5 Class Size Update:** Mr. Underwood recapped the high class numbers in middle school – specifically PE. The situation isn't resolved completely but they have made progress in

reducing the numbers. Mr. Shockey has given up his prep period and has taken some of the 6th grade math students. Ms. Willard has been assigned a creative writing class to 8th graders. By pulling these two groups it has reduced the large PE class numbers. An Instructional Assistant has been placed in every 6th grade core class to assist the teacher and students.

- 4.6 Instructional Hours Report:** Mr. Miller reported that this year K-5 students at Vernonia Elementary will receive 971 hours of instruction. Due to bussing time students at Mist Elementary will receive less hours (just under 914) but still over the state required 900 hours annually.
- INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS REPORT

Mr. Underwood reported that at the middle/high school 130 hours per class/990 total hours is the state requirement. Our middle/high school hours are up from last year but at 976.40 hours for 2014-15 we are still below the state requirement. Hopefully the budget will allow for additional days to be added back in next year eliminating the shortfall of hours.

- 4.7 Booster Club Report:** Maria Lemay presented a slide show on the Booster Club and their efforts at the snack shack during Football season as well as their support of the athletic sports banquets.
- BOOSTER CLUB REPORT

- 4.8 Professional Development Report:** Juliet Safier shared with the board the 2014-15 Professional Development Calendar for licensed staff. One goal in developing the calendar was to provide more time for teachers to work on goals and review data. Currently staff is working with PD360 (YouTube for teachers). It is proving to be a great resource and the district has a grant allowing a two-year subscription to PD360.
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR REVIEWED

5.0 INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

- 5.1 OSBA Resolutions:** Greg Kintz shared three resolutions put forth by the Board of Directors and the Legislative Policy Committee of OSBA. Every two years OSBA reviews the legislative policies and procedures and determines which ones they want to support or lobby against. Available on the OSBA website is a legislative bill tracker which allows the public to view the level of involvement of OSBA. The resolutions being presented address:
- #1 Amends the OSBA Constitution to modify the process for adoption of OSBA legislative policies;
 - #2 Ratifies the recommended changes by the Legislative Policy Committee; and
 - #3 Amends the OSBA Constitution to allow an appointment to the OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee.
- OSBA RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSED

The Vernonia School Board needs to vote in support or against the resolutions and then one vote per board will be submitted to OSBA by the Board Secretary.

- 5.2 State Report Cards:** VHS, VMS and VES and MGS. Aaron Miller and Nate Underwood shared the schools' report cards. There was a question from the board as to the Math level 1 rating at VES. It appears that this is in error based on the percentage of combined growth reported. Mr. Miller stated he would review this.
- STATE REPORT CARDS

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 OSBA Resolutions:** Greg Kintz moved to approve OSBA Resolutions #1, 2 and 3 as presented. Brett Costley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous with those in attendance.
- OSBA RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

- 7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Mr. Miller updated the board on the following:
- Reviewed a letter from Oregon Emergency Management/FEMA that the claim in 2007 for major damage to schools has been closed. All payments and reconciliations have been made. Thank yous to the District Office staff, and the CAT Team, especially Dan Brown were noted.
 - Behavior Specialist and Discipline TOSA positions are working out well
 - Two part time IA's have moved to full time to support the overall academic, behavior and life skills team.
- SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The ending fund balance is dwindling due to staffing changes needed to address high class size numbers. A non-grant funded spending freeze is coming soon.
- The district is still waiting for the City and County to honor the request to release the final funds for the Spencer Park Project currently held in escrow. Hopefully this will occur within a month.
- The main construction on the shop is complete. The bathroom is roughed in and Mr. Miller is working to get the electrical components for the shop as well as the greenhouse completed. The softball field is on hold until weather cooperates.

Other Issues: Greg Kintz shared that OSBA is rolling out the *Promise of Oregon* campaign at the OSBA Convention. Greg hopes to have the video available for the board to see in December. OTHER ISSUES.

Bill Langmaid recently sent out an email to staff to get feedback on stage and video equipment.

8.0 MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Submitted by Barb Carr,
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Directors


Board Chair


District Clerk

